



Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2004
5:30 pm
Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless
1217 1st Street, NW

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff	Guests
Bennina Armijo-Sisneros (Chair)	Sig Olson (Vice-Chair)	Kevin Kinzie	Rachel O'Connor, DWI Czar
Margaret Carroll	Gil Vigil	Fran Martinez	Dwight Dias, MDC-Sobering Services
Adam Stern		Clara Peele	Adan Carriaga, MDC-ATP
Brenda Yager			Joseph Chavez, MC-CCP
Dave Burhing			Les Brown, APD
Lorenzo Garcia			Ray Jaramillo, Corrales Police Department
Delores Stroud			Patrick Cordova, MDC-CCP

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Chair Bennina.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Brenda to approve the agenda as submitted. A second was made by Adam and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. June 10, 2004

A motion was made by Adam to approve the minutes for June 10, 2004 as submitted. A second was made by Lorenzo and the motion carried unanimously.

b. August 12, 2004

A motion was made by Lorenzo to approve the minutes for August 12, 2004 as submitted. A second was made by Brenda and the motion carried unanimously.

4. New Business

a. Guest Speaker: Rachel O'Connor, State DWI Czar

Rachel O'Connor, DWI Czar for the state of New Mexico, explained her role in working in coordination with her fellow Czars to focus on the health perspective of DWI.

Rachel explained the two following areas of focus for Governor Bill Richardson:

1. DWI enforcement
2. The continued service from a liquor establishment to an intoxicated individual
3. Underage drinking

Rachel further explained the following upcoming plans and new initiatives to assist in accomplishing Governor Richards's goal to remove New Mexico from the top 10 of highest DWI rates in the nation. New Mexico is currently ranked 6th in the nation.

1. Public awareness of law enforcement activities (DWI saturations and checkpoints) due to reduction of fatalities and DWI rates when publicized.
2. Increase of DWI blitzes from 4 per year to 7 per year.
3. Increased funding for more law enforcement officers in the 6 counties with the highest DWI rates. (Bernalillo County falls within these 6 counties)
4. Increased SID (Special Investigations Division) activities focusing on underage drinking in rural areas.
5. New technology to include ignition interlock and SCRAM.
6. Upcoming 1-800 telephone number for individuals to call in to report drunk drivers or underage sales.

Ray Jaramillo from Corrales Police Department voiced his concern regarding the new law charging individuals who purchase alcohol for minors with a felony and stated his frustration that the courts will not prosecute according to the law.

Rachel stated new information regarding the ignition interlock device being installed into all vehicles will be announced Friday, September 17, 2004 following the Ignition Interlock Committee meeting. Rachel's opinion is that this law will not pass. She indicated very little of the indigent fund for ignition interlock has been used and currently consists of approximately \$700,000. Rachel supports the bill for first time offenders to be court ordered the ignition interlock device.

Lorenzo requested support of the local option excise tax.

Rachel responded by informing that the community was a big supporter of the local option excise tax but failed to voice their support at legislative hearings last year.

Adan Carriaga from the Albuquerque Metropolitan Detention Center Addictions Treatment Program requested a ban on alcohol billboards near schools.

Dave suggested a curfew to decrease underage drinking rates.

Rachel voiced her opinion that counties should not be required to provide a certain percentage of their funding to the treatment component.

Les Brown from the Albuquerque Police Department expressed his concern regarding law enforcement agencies combining checkpoint efforts due to lack of man power and that fact that TSB (Traffic Safety Bureau) will not allow them to do this. He stated that it would be more beneficial to the community that a combined DWI activity take place rather than to not hold an activity due to lack of man power.

Rachel assured the group she is open to future discussions and proposals.

5. Old Business

a. Update on Public Detox / Treatment Program

Kevin reviewed the blueprints of the MATS program (5901 Zuni, SE) with the Council and Kevin informed the Council that county staff continues to work on the property site with contractors and obtain bids to complete the renovation process.

The policies and procedures for the new facility are still being created by members of the public detox work group as part of the licensing process.

b. Schedule tour of new facility at 5901 Zuni, SE

It was agreed by all members of the Council to schedule the next DWI Planning Council meeting at the MATS Program (5901 Zuni, SE). A tour will also take place during this meeting.

6. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Submitted for approval by:

Fran Martinez, DWI Program Technician

Date

APPROVED:

Bennina Armijo-Sisneros, Chair
Sig Olson, Vice-Chair

Date